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SUBJ: REACTION KISSINGER

1. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) QUOTE
KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN...IS NOT DEMAND FOR BEING TREATED
AS UNIQUE CASE... BUT RATHER CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON WHICH,
UNDER INFLUENCE OF WATERGATE, HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO NEAR WITCH
HUNT FOR EVERYBODY WHO HAS HAD RESPONSIBILITY. KISSINGER'S
THREAT IS DEMAND FOR DECENCY, NOT ONLY FROM THOSE WHO HOLD
POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY, BUT ALSO FROM THOSE WHO...HAVE
UNDERTAKEN ROLE AS PROSECUTORS.

2. AMERICAN PRESS HAS RIGHTLY BEEN LAUDED FOR REVEALING WHO
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR WATERGATE...BUT REVERSE SIDE OF MEDAL
HAS BEEN THAT IT HAS DEVELOPED UNINHIBITED INCLINATION FOR DISCLOS-
URES IN THIS MATTER... AT PRESENT STAGE OF CASE TOO MANY OF
THESE DISCLOSURES HAVE AMOUNTED TO MUDSLINGING. KISSINGER MUST
NO BE ALLOWED TO DODGE CRITICAL SPOTLIGHT BECAUSE HE IS ABLE SEC-
RETARY OF STATE. BUT HE CAN RIGHTLY
CLAIM THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE PUBLICLY SUSPECTED
OF HAVING MISLEAD SENATE WHEN THIS IS DONE ON BASIS OF DISTORTED
INDISCRETIONS ABOUT OLD DOCUMENTS...UNQUOTE.

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3. POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT RADICAL) QUOTE WE CAN FULLY SUPPORT

KISSINGER'S DEMAND THAT CASE BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. WE
ADD THAT IF HE IS FOUND GUILTY IN SOMETHING ILLEGAL AND THUS IN
UNTRUTHFULNESS TOWARD SENATE, NOT EVEN GREATEST FOREIGN
POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENTS CAN FREE HIS FROM RESPONSIBILITY.
HENRY KISSINGER WILL NEITHER SUPPORT NIXON NOR HIMSELF IN THIS.
WE HOPE. UNQUOTE.

4. AKTUELT (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) QUOTE BY CRYING OUT IN FOREIGN
COUNTRY THAT HE WILL RESIGN IF ATTACKS ON HIS HONOR CONTINUE,
SECRETARY MAKES FOOL OF HIMSELF AND THROWS SHADOW OF SUSPICION
OVER HIS WORK.
NO MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT, NO OFFICIAL OR PARLIAMENTARIAN
SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE HIS POSITION FOR WARDING OFF ACCUSATIONS.
ONLY THING KISSINGER CAN DO IS TO LET HIMSELF BE QUESTIONED
BY RELEVANT CONGRESSSIONAL COMMITTEE...AS LONG AS KISSINGER IS IN
ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAS CAUSED MOST SERIOUS CHARGES, HE MUST
PUT UP WITH SMOKE IN KITCHEN. WITH TEARS AND THREATS HE ONLY WEAK-
ENS HIMSELF AND CONFIDENCE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES IN U.S. AT TIME
WHICH IS ALREADY DIFFICULT FOR ALLIANCE UNQUOTE.
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